



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 27, 2003 the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Deliberation and possible decision on General-Plan and Sub-Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Conditional Use Permit Case Nos. 94-087-(5), and on certification of Final Environmental Impact Report relating to the project known as Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Water Reclamation Plant and the Final Additional Analysis of specific Environmental Issues on property located between the Magic Mountain Theme Park on the east and the Los Angeles/Ventura County boundary line on the west where SR-126 and the Santa Clara River transect the Specific Plan site from east to west, Newhall Zoned District, applied for by Newhall Ranch Company. (On March 25, 2003, the Board closed the Public Hearing; and instructed staff to prepare the proposed final environmental documentation, resolutions, ordinance and findings and conditions with revisions for Board consideration.)

Lee Stark, representing the Department of Regional Planning and Barry Witler, representing the Department of Public Works, were duly sworn and testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Bruce Campbell, Clarence Freeman, Larry Kanner, Ray Pearl, David C. Smith, Steve Zimmer and other interested persons addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“County staff and decision-makers have extensively reviewed the proposed Newhall Ranch project for the last four years. Based upon the discussion today, an extensive administrative record, and an exhaustive environmental analysis, it is now an appropriate time for the Board to render an informed decision concerning the Newhall Ranch project.

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“There are several public benefits associated with Newhall Ranch. These include:

- 21,000 new homes;
- 19,000 new jobs;
- Added to existing development, will improve the jobs-housing balance to a 1.30 ratio, the ratio projected by SCAG for the entire Southern California Region;
- 30 miles of new roadways;
- State-of-the-art water reclamation plant;
- 7 new public schools;
- 3 new fire stations;
- 6,000 acres of permanent open space (50% of project);
- Regional park similar in size to Griffith Park;
- 3 community parks;
- One public library;
- 50 miles of trails;
- A 15-acre lake.

“Additionally, there are several mitigation measures that will offset environmental impacts associated with Newhall Ranch. These include:

- 2 Spine flower preserve areas totaling 64 acres;
- Dedication of 1,517 acre portion of Salt Creek Watershed in adjoining Ventura County;
- Reduction of 730 housing units;
- Reduction of 132,000 square feet of non-residential development; and
- Increase span of Potrero Bridge by 200 feet to reduce impacts on Santa Clara River.”

Lee Stark, representing the Department of Regional Planning recommended that the Board include the following additions to the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Mitigation Monitoring Plan to further ensure protection of the San Fernando Valley Spine flower:

**2.6 Resource Management Program, Page 2-123, 2. (e) (2) (c)
Grading Activities shall be amended to add the following
provision:**

- vii. No grading shall be allowed within the Spine flower preserve(s) and buffer(s) unless for a roadway that is determined to be the environmentally superior alternative. No other development or disturbance of native habitat shall be allowed within the Spine flower preserve(s) and buffer(s).

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Mitigation Monitoring Program, 4.6 Biota, Page 4.0-50

Within mitigation measure 4.6-67, add the following language to the conclusion of paragraph beginning with “Roadways and road rights-of-way...”.

No other development or disturbance of native habitat shall be allowed within the Spine flower preserve(s) or buffer(s).

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisor Molina, Knabe, Antonovich and Burke; Noes: Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Certified that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Additional Analysis, in conjunction with a review of the previously certified Newhall Ranch Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
2. Determined that the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the previously certified Final EIR and the Final Additional Analysis are the only mitigation measures for this project, which are feasible, and that the unavoidable significant effects of the project, after adoption of the conditions of approval and mitigation measures, are as described in the Final EIR, the Final Additional Analysis, and the revised Mitigation Monitoring Plans for the Specific Plan and Water Reclamation Plant;
3. Adopted the Additional CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Water Reclamation Plant;
4. Approved and adopted the attached revised Mitigation Monitoring Plans for both the Specific Plan and Water Reclamation Plant, incorporated in the Final Additional Analysis with the additions recommended by Regional Planning staff and found that the revised Mitigation Monitoring Plans, are adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during Specific Plan implementation;

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5. Adopted the attached resolution approving General Plan and Sub-Plan amendments No. 94-087-(5) and the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, dated May 2003 with the additions recommended by Regional Planning staff;
6. Adopted the attached Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z entitled, "An ordinance amending Section 22.16.230 of Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code, changing regulations for the execution of the General Plan, relating to Newhall Zoned District No. 118." This ordinance shall take effect June 26, 2003; and
7. Adopted the attached findings, conditions and order approving Conditional Use Permit No. 94-087-(5).

Attachments

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Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Director of Internal Services
Director of Public Works
Bruce Campbell
Clarence Freeman
Larry Kanner
Ray Pearl
David C. Smith
Steve Zimmer